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JOINT MEXICAN-UNITED STATES DEFENSE COMMISSION
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United States Section

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. GEORGE S. MESSERSMITH
U. S. AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO:

SUBJECT: Aircraft to Mexico.

1. General Arnold desires to do the following:

a. Send six (6) AT-6's (Small training planes) to Mexico City on a temporary loan, in order that the Mexican pilot officers in Mexico City can get their flying time in. Apparently planes of this type which Mexico has are at the school in Guadalajara and there is a shortage for the purpose just indicated.

b. Send to Mexico City -- at any date that is agreeable to you and the Mexican authorities -- the following planes, to remain there a few days for exhibition purposes only, all Mexican authorities and such of the Mexican public as may be agreeable to the Mexican authorities to be given an opportunity to see these planes:

Three	(3)	B-29's
One	(1)	P-38
One	(1)	P-47
One	(1)	P-51.

c. Send to Mexico, as early as practicable.

One	(1)	C-47
Three	(3)	B-25's and
Two	(2)	F-2's,

with a composite crew of seven (7) pilot officers and four (4) enlisted engineers, for the purpose of carrying on a demonstration of these planes before the Mexican Air Forces. After this, the U. S. AAF personnel can be withdrawn and the airplanes handled as indicated in my memorandum to you of 14 November 1945, same subject as above.

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